

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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### **GRANT DEADLINES**

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### 2019 Annual Report



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### A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

While the holiday season certainly feels different this year, we at the Foundation still find ourselves excited with anticipation for the season and perhaps more grateful than ever before for the generosity and support of this incredible community. The pandemic continues to challenge us and force us to change the way we do so many things. Let's remain committed to helping each other through these difficult times and look forward with hope for better days ahead.

In this edition of the newsletter, we have included important information about the scholarship application, which opened on December 1st. In addition, you'll find a listing of the grantees from the final grant cycle of 2020. Please note that the deadline for Grant Cycle 1 of 2021 will come quickly, with preliminary applications due right after the holidays on January 11th. At the end of the newsletter, we've included some photos from our first-ever Drive-Thru Ambassadors' Event, which was a big success!

We would also like to take a moment to thank all of those who participated in this year's 31-Hour Give event. It was another very successful "Give" event, which I find truly hopeful during such a difficult time for so many. In fact, if you remove a single one-time gift of \$90,000 that we received last year, our total for this year exceeded last year's total by \$40,000! Find out just how much we raised in the article below!

If you haven't donated yet but would still like to make a tax deductible donation for 2020, it's not too late! You can donate with ease through our new <u>donation portal</u>, through the mail, or in person as long as it is received by December 31, 2020.

We are so grateful for your support this holiday season, and throughout this challenging year. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and that 2021 brings hope, healing and good fortune to all of you!

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Happy Holidays from the Foundation Staff! Pictured from left: Sarah Stoughton, Amy Eyman, Stephanie Herman, and Abby King.

### Foundation Raises \$190,440 During 31-Hour Give Event

The Fairfield County Foundation hosted its annual "Get Your Give On" event this week in conjunction with #GivingTuesday, which takes place annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to kick-off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities.

The "Give" events began in 2014 and have grown significantly over the years. This year's 31-Hour Give event raised an impressive \$190,440 during the 31-hour time window that began at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2. The Foundation awarded a total of \$31,000 in matching gifts to the funds that received contributions, making the total award to participating funds \$221,440.

"Especially during such a challenging year, it is inspiring and hopeful to see so many people in our community come out to support the 31-Hour Give and our local non-profits," said Fairfield County Foundation Executive Director, Amy Eyman. "We have raised nearly \$685,000 through these events and when you add the Foundation's match, that's more than \$880,000 to support our community. We are incredibly grateful to all of the donors and community members who have participated and worked to raise awareness of this unique annual event."

Non-profits and fund holders were encouraged to secure donations from individuals and have them contribute in-person or online between 8 a.m. on December 2 and 3 p.m. December 3. During the designated 31 hours, the Foundation matched funds on a pro-rata basis. The graphic below summarizes the funds generated since 2014 through the "Give" events.

## Annual "Give" Events



### 196 Hours of Giving - \$880,459 of Impact!!









## 2021-2022 Scholarship Application Now Open!



The scholarship application for the 2021-2022 school year is now open! The application opened on December 1st again this year to allow students time during winter break to start their applications. Current college students as well as high school seniors, graduate students and those applying to trade/technical schools are encouraged to apply. Our simple, universal application will automatically narrow down the scholarships that each student is eligible for as well as suggest those that may require more information.

We are launching a NEW scholarship application software this year and we have compiled a list of <u>frequently asked questions</u> that we recommend students review prior to submitting their application. This page also includes videos and written in depth tutorials on how to use the new system. We encourage students and parents to <u>follow us on Facebook</u> throughout the application process for important updates and reminders. Don't miss your opportunity to be awarded one of over 90 scholarships given annually!

We will be doing a Preliminary Review this year and we highly recommend that everyone take advantage of this! If your application is fully submitted by Friday, February 12, 2021 the staff will review your application for completeness and email you with any issues by March 1, 2021 so that you can correct any problems before the final deadline on Friday, March 12, 2021. This does not increase your chances of receiving a scholarship but provides an opportunity for mistakes to be corrected before the deadline and decreases the possibility of your application being ineligible.

# Fairfield County Foundation Announces Cycle 3 Grant Recipients

The Fairfield County Foundation recently announced the recipients for the final grant cycle in 2020. The Foundation awarded 18 grants totaling \$174,143 at their November Board meeting.

"This year has been challenging for virtually everyone, and we're pleased to be able to conclude 2020 by supporting important community initiatives

in Fairfield County," said Amy Eyman, Executive Director of the Fairfield County Foundation. "Throughout the three grant cycles this year, we were able to award 41 grants totaling more than \$475,128."

Below is a complete listing of the Cycle 3 grant recipients:

### **Fairfield County Health Fund**

Fairfield Community Health Center - EKG & PFT equipment for clinics TWIG 1 - Cancer Care Run

TWIG 2 - Fairfield Medical Center Script Assist Fund & ER Clothing Fund TWIG 6 - Benches & walkie talkie units for nursing staff TWIG 7 - Palliative care and hospice units

TWIG 12 - Linear-Accelerator for cancer treatment TWIG 13 - Walkie talkie units for nursing staff

TWIG 16 - Fairfield Medical Center Script Assist Fund & ER Clothing Fund
TWIG 17 - Caloric Stimulator

### **George & Dollie L. Zimpfer Memorial**

Flying Horse Farms - Modifications and supplies for camp due to COVID-19
Pink Ribbon Girls - Simply Fight Program providing meals, house cleaning,
transportation for women with breast or gynecological cancer in Fairfield
County

Ronald McDonald House - Support for the family room at the Big Lots
Behavioral Health Pavilion

#### Patricia A. Beam

Sozo Pediatrics - Dream BIG Workshop

#### **Robert A. Schatz**

Millersport Community Food Pantry - Building expansion project

### Terry A. McGhee/Sally J. Grimm Community Fund

Lutheran Social Services - Sidewalk repair at Lancaster shelter Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County - Commercial water softener

#### **Wendel Family Fund**

Lighthouse Inc. - Plumbing and wall repair City of Lancaster - Educational wetlands and trail development

### Deadlines for the first grant cycle of 2021:

- · Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday in January January 11, 2021
- · Invitations to submit full grant sent second week of January
- · Grant Application: Due second Monday of February February 8, 2021
- $\cdot$  Grant Committee recommendation to Board of Trustees for approval-March 18, 2021

If your organization is interesting in applying for a grant in 2021, please contact Abby King, program officer at the Fairfield County Foundation, to discuss your project prior to filling out the preliminary application. To view grant guidelines and preliminary grant application, visit http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/grants/

# **Ambassadors' Club Drive-Thru Reception**

Our Ambassadors' Club Reception looked a bit different this year, but that didn't make it any less fun! We were able to greet about 40 supporters and show our appreciation with a poinsettia, a box of candy and some always useful hand sanitizer. As always, we appreciate your continued support of the Foundation's mission and your efforts to help us raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy in our community.



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### What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests, and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the residents of a defined geographic area.